

Spiritual Discipline: Simplicity  
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Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

*<sup>33</sup>But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

- 1 Take a few minutes to “study” about the kingdom of God. The following scriptures are just a few of the parables taught by Jesus concerning the kingdom. As a group, read each of these parables and share about what they teach us concerning God’s kingdom.
  - a Matthew 13 (5 parables)
  - b Luke 15 (3 Parables)
- 2 What might the kingdom of God look like in our context?
- 3 What are some ways that culture works against you as you focus on seeking God’s kingdom?
- 4 What does God promise for those who seek first the kingdom of God and why is this significant?
- 5 Personally, what is something that is keeping you from seeking first the kingdom of God?
- 6 Discuss what role the kingdom of God plays in the practice of simplicity and vice-versa.
- 7 Explain the practice of simplicity to one another in your own words to help you process its meaning.
- 8 As a group, brainstorm some ways to practice the spiritual discipline of simplicity.
- 9 What might be an application of practicing simplicity in your life right now?